



Mountain View Recycling Resource

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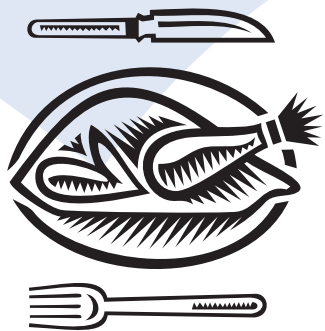
Holiday Reminders

On-Call Plus

Remember to schedule a free On-Call Plus clean up appointment soon. There will be no appointments during holiday tree collection from December 24, 2007 through January 18, 2008. However, vouchers to the SMaRT Station will still be available. Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034 for more information.

Collection Schedule

There is no garbage or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Years Day. If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection occurs one day later. For example, for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday collection would be made on Friday and Friday collection on Saturday.

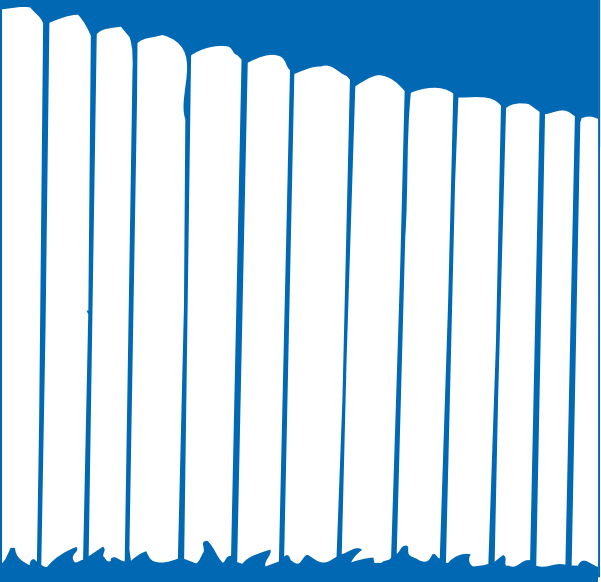


Be Cart Courteous

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please follow the City's rules for the proper storage of your garbage, recycling and yard waste carts (Municipal Code Section 16.21.)

Carts should be set out for service no sooner than the day before collection and removed no later than the day after.

Store carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge or area screened from street view. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.



Mountain View Achieves 74% Diversion

Congratulations to residents and businesses for an excellent job of diverting garbage from landfills by reducing, reusing or recycling. As the result of a comprehensive waste generation and diversion study, Mountain View has been recognized by the State for achieving a 74% diversion rate.

Diversion Programs Credited

The greatly improved rate results mostly from the many diversion programs implemented in Mountain View, including:

- Free business and residential recycling
- Recovery of recyclables from the garbage processed at the SMaRT® Station
- Change from Spring/Fall clean-up events to year-round On-Call Plus (results in more recycling because it is easier to sort smaller amount of materials year-round)
- Increased diversion from the City-Wide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale reuse events
- Increased diversion from the County-run composting and household hazardous waste programs
- Waste reduction efforts of residents and businesses, such as reuse, reduced packaging and double-sided copying

Demolition and Construction Recycling Increases

Mountain View's high diversion rate also results from increased recycling of roadway and building project debris. In addition to the SMaRT Station (where roll-off boxes provided to contractors by the City's exclusive hauler, Foothill Disposal, are processed), there are a number of other regional construction and demolition recycling facilities located within Santa Clara County helping to make it more convenient and affordable to recycle than to landfill.

Keep It Up


Keep up the good work! Diversion levels can fluctuate with the economy (a stronger economy results in more consumption and higher waste generation). We strongly encourage residents and businesses to continue all recycling, reuse and waste reduction activities. For more information, contact City staff at 650-903-6311.

F A Q

Why doesn't Mountain View accept some items for recycling that other cities do?

Our recycling processor, the SMaRT® Station, chooses recyclables that have enough market value to justify the costs of collection and sorting, keeping our utility rates among the lowest in the county. Some cities are willing to pay processors to accept low value or marginal recyclables (such as polystyrene foam packaging and milk cartons) or can obtain better market prices due to larger volumes.

There is good news, however. Because SMaRT also sorts our garbage for any recyclables not already captured by our collection programs, low or zero-value items can be pulled from the trash to test markets. If the market improves and becomes sustainable, then these items can be added to the recycling collection program. Until markets develop, how can you help? (see the table below)

Instead of	Choose
Milk cartons or juice boxes	Milk or juice in plastic or glass bottles
Polystyrene (foam) egg cartons	Eggs in paper cartons
Plastic grocery bags ¹	Reusable cloth or paper bags
Clear or foam take-out containers or clamshells ² 	Reusable plastic containers <i>Hint: Ask the deli to wrap your sandwich in paper and put the salad or fruit in a plastic tub (although the paper is not recyclable it is less wasteful than a clamshell)</i>

¹ Plastic bags can be recycled at grocery stores

² Clamshells are containers with a connected lid

COLLECTION INFORMATION

How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of cart. Foothill will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Cut large cardboard into pieces about 3’x3’ and place on top of curb.



Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

Extra garbage


Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Albertsons, Safeway, or Rite-Aid stores, the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 6 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

ACCEPTED		NOT ACCEPTED	
<p>Paper</p> <p>All paper should be clean and without food residue.</p> <p>Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)</p> <p>Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)</p> <p>Computer and plain fax paper</p> <p>Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)</p> <p>Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Egg cartons (paper only)</p> <p>Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards</p> <p>Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)</p> <p>Manila file folders</p> <p>Newspaper and inserts</p> <p>Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs</p> <p>Paper bags</p> <p>Paperback books</p> <p>Post-it notes</p> <p>Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Shredded paper (no plastic bag)</p> <p>Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)</p> <p>Glass Bottles and Jars</p> <p>Beverage bottles</p> <p>Canning jars</p> <p>Jam and peanut butter jars</p> <p>Olive oil and vinegar bottles</p> <p>Soup and spaghetti jars</p> <p>Wine bottles (no corks/wrappers)</p>	<p>Metal Cans</p> <p>Aluminum cans</p> <p>Bimetal cans (cat food cans)</p> <p>Metal food cans and lids</p> <p>Steel and tin cans</p>  <p>Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7</p> <p>Baby wipe tubs</p> <p>Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)*</p> <p>Catsup bottles</p> <p>Cottage cheese tubs</p> <p>Detergent bottles</p> <p>Margarine tubs</p> <p>Milk jugs</p> <p>Peanut butter jars</p> <p>Prescription bottles</p> <p>Shampoo bottles</p> <p>Syrup bottles</p> <p>Water, soda and juice bottles</p> <p>Yogurt tubs</p>	<p>Paper</p> <p>Any paper that has touched food.</p> <p>Beverage cups, coffee cups and bags</p> <p>Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)</p> <p>Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers</p> <p>Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)</p> <p>Foil gift wrap</p> <p>Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags</p> <p>Frozen food boxes</p> <p>Hardback books</p> <p>Ice cream cartons</p> <p>Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags</p> <p>Paper covered with paint or pet waste</p> <p>Pizza boxes</p> <p>Plastic-coated papers (photographs)</p> <p>Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders</p> <p>Tissues, paper towels, paper plates</p> <p>Waxed (dark brown) cardboard</p> <p>Metal Cans</p> <p>Aerosol can (empty or full)</p> <p>Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts</p> <p>Pots, pans and appliances</p> <p>Glass Bottles and Jars</p> <p>Ceramic coffee cups or dishes</p> <p>Drinking glasses</p> <p>Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb</p> <p>Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass</p>	<p>Plastic Bottles and Tubs</p> <p>Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons</p> <p>Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps</p> <p>Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails</p> <p>Clear drinking glasses</p> <p>Clamshells (deli, fast-food)*</p> <p>Computer disks or “jewel” boxes for disks</p> <p>Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays</p> <p>Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” (Styrofoam)</p> <p>Garden hoses or plastic toys</p> <p>Lids, plastic caps or straws</p> <p>Medical waste (saline bags, needles/ syringes)</p> <p>Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies</p> <p>Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks</p> <p>Styrofoam</p> <p>Toothpaste and ointment tubes</p> 

* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

THIS LIST MAY ALSO BE USED FOR APARTMENT AND BUSINESS RECYCLING. CHECK CONTAINER LABEL TO SORT RECYCLABLES.

2007 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*.)
 - 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B).
- Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 9 (Week A).

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034** for schedules.



Color = Week A

Grey = Week B

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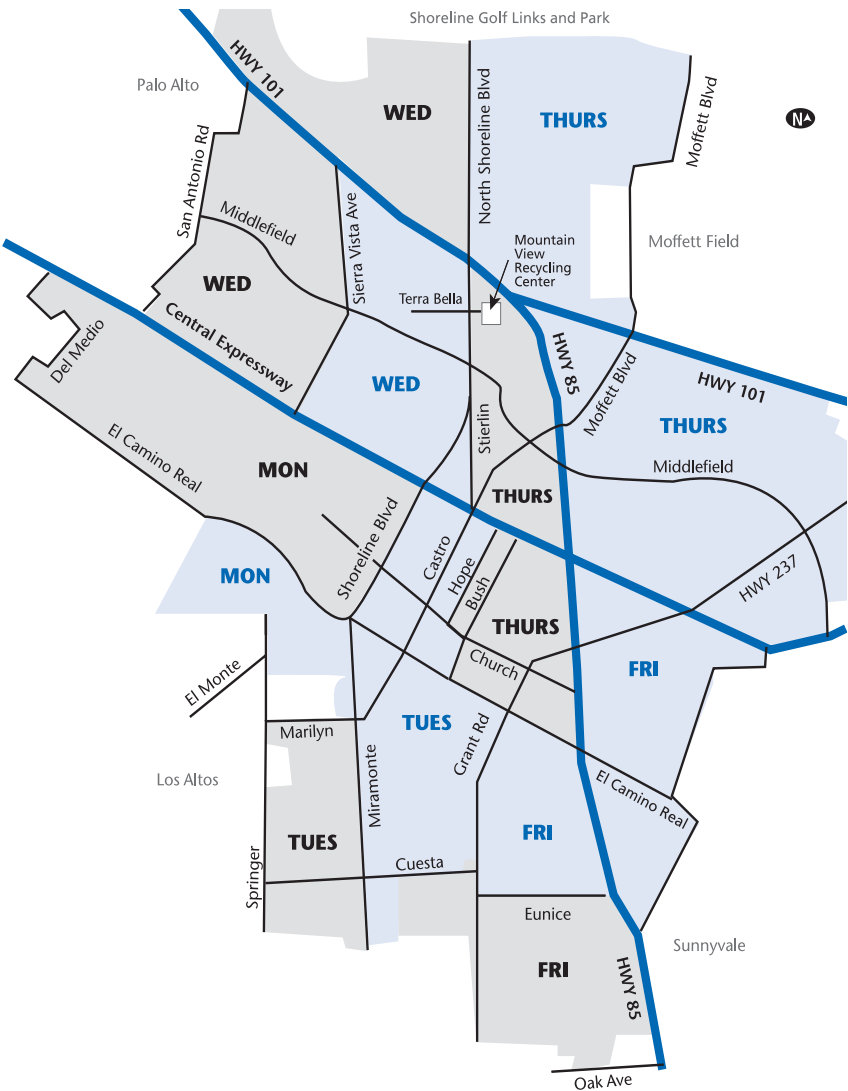
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Holidays

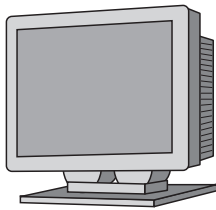
Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 22), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 24, 2007 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale.

*Find your collection day online: www.mvrecycle.org and click on collection schedule

Household Hazardous Waste Services



Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Foothill also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Foothill Disposal (650-967-3034)
Curbside Collection
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4)
(fee/no fee)

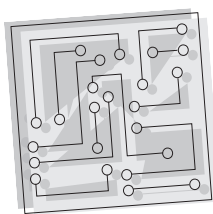
- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Facility (408-299-7300)
By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Thermometers and thermostats.

¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (**650-967-3034**).

² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores



Recycling Directory

Buy-Back and Drop-Off Centers

Mountain View Recycling Center
935 Terra Bella Avenue (east of N. Shoreline Blvd near Highway 101), 650-967-3034.
Hours: Buy-Back 9-3 Tuesday-Saturday; Drop-Off available Monday-Saturday, 7:30 am to 6 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

SMaRT Station
301 Carl Road Sunnyvale, (corner of Caribbean and Borregas Ave.) 408-752-8530.
Hours: 8-5 daily. Fees may apply to some recyclable items like bulky goods and yard waste. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Corrugated Cardboard can also be deposited in bins located in the public parking lot on Franklin Street, between Villa and Dana Streets, in downtown Mountain View. Please flatten boxes first.

Services

Utility and garbage billing information including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Department
650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Foothill Disposal Company
650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers (above). Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste can be taken for free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Home composting information including free local workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

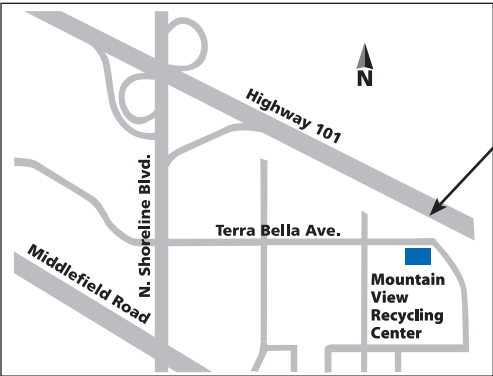
Visit the City of Mountain View's web site for business or residential recycling information:
www.mvrecycle.org



We welcome your comments and suggestions. Call 650-903-6311.
The Resource is printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper.

Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center
935 Terra Bella Avenue,
Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

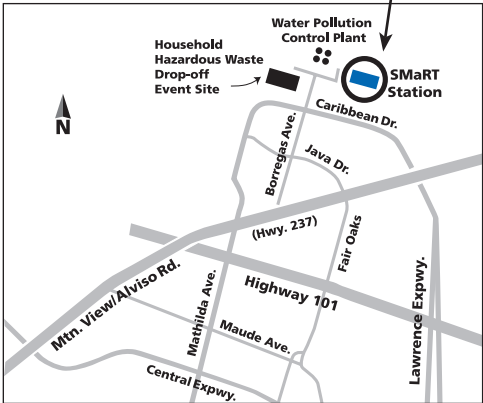
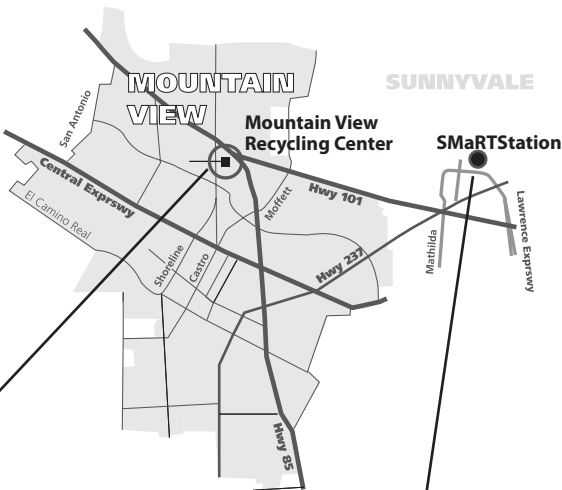
Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

* Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday



Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



SMaRT Station
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at 408-752-8530. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

Same items as Mtn. View Recycling Center plus:

- Hardback books
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar 2007

September	
15	Compost Workshop
15	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
15	California Coastal Cleanup Day (www.cleanacreek.org)
October	
20	Compost Workshop (Last workshop for 2007)
20	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
November	
2–3	Go Green Earth Summit (www.gogreeninitiative.org)
15	America Recycles Day (www.americarecyclesday.org)
17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
December	
December 26 –January 18	Holiday Tree Collection
December 26 –January 5	Extra Holiday Recycling on your regular pick-up day

A black and white photograph of a man with a mustache and glasses, wearing a white t-shirt, standing outdoors next to a large, dark-colored, tiered compost bin. He is holding the lid of the bin. The background shows trees and foliage.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off
To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at 408-299-7300. Visit www.hhw.org for more information.

Compost Workshop
To register and request a compost bin, call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at 408-918-4640 or register online at www.reducewaste.org.